

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An umbrella comprising:

a shaft having a handle connected to a first end thereof, a runner movably mounted to the shaft;

5 a first cap and a second cap connected to a second end of the shaft, the first cap located closer than the second cap to the second end of the shaft;

a plurality of first ribs each having a first end pivotably connected to the second end cap and each first rib having a joint connected thereto, each joint having a first passage and a second passage, the first rib extending through the first passage, a plurality of second ribs each having a first end thereof pivotably connected to the first cap and a second end of each of the second ribs movably extending through the second passage, a main panel attached to the first ribs and having a hole with a center at the shaft, a section of the second end of each of the second ribs being overlapped on the main panel and a sub-panel attached to the second ribs and covering the hole in the main panel, and

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a plurality of stretchers pivotably connected between the runner and the joints.

2. The umbrella as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the joints includes two lugs between which an end of the stretcher corresponding thereto is pivotably connected.

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3. The umbrella as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the joints includes an elongate body with the first passage defined therethrough and a

protrusion extends from a top of an end of the joint and the second passage is defined through the protrusion.

4. The umbrella as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the joints is composed of an elongate body and a block which is located in separate from the
5 elongate body, the first passage defined through the elongate body, the block including a through hole through which the first rib extends and the second passage through which the second rib extends.

5. The umbrella as claimed in claim 4, wherein the block is located between the elongate body and a connection position where the sub-panel is
10 secured to the second ribs.